

The regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners was held on March 18th, 2024 in the Commissioner's meeting room. The notice of this meeting was published in the March 13th, 2024 issue of the Benkelman Post.

Present: Commissioners Scott Olson, Tom Richard, Aaron Keiser, Clerk Miles Preston, Assessor Tish Burrell, Treasurer Penny Denny, County Attorney Arlan Wine, Karen Baker, Chief Deputy Tom Jones, Relgene Zimbleman, Kurt Sellers,

Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. Chairman Olson announced the location of the Open Meetings Act poster in the Dundy County Commissioner's Meeting Room.

Motion by Keiser to approve the agenda for this meeting, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Richard to approve the March 4th Commissioner meeting minutes, seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous

Approval of claims tabled until discussion of trailer purchase.

Karen Baker said there was a bad odor coming from the annex building ceiling.

Michael Schrader discussed the Noxious Weeds reports and requirements summary. Chairman Olson signed the Requirements Summary report.

Board reviewed the 2023 Audit report from Don Wilson.

Motion by Keiser to approve the 2023 Audit Report, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Discussed security cameras in the courtroom: Deb League explained that the District Court Judges would need court personnel to have access to control the audio and video of the security cameras in the courtroom, and that the Sheriff's office would need to be in physical control of the recordings. Deb League and Miles Preston stated that additional cameras in the courtroom did not seem necessary due to the already existing vestibule camera, as well as Sheriff staff on site during court. Further, it would potentially burden Court and Sheriff's office staff to remain on hand to regulate audio and video on the camera, as well as maintain the recordings. The board agreed that additional cameras for inside the courtroom would not be necessary. Keiser stated that cameras and camera footage are to be under the control of the Dundy County Sheriff's Office.

Kurt Sellers discussed the water of the Max shop. Water samples were sent to Wray for analysis. A quote was received from Wellstone of roughly \$2,800.00 for a hydrogen peroxide treatment system for the water pump and well. If Kurt installed the system himself it would be an expense of roughly \$1,700.00. Board agreed to proceed with the purchase and Kurt would install the system.

Board reviewed the invoice from ValleyFarm Industries LLC for a 2009 Doolittle flat bed trailer for \$3,500.00.

Motion by Richard to approve purchase of 2009 Doolittle Trailer from ValleyFarm Industries, invoice #2046, seconded by Olson.

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Richard to approve the claims as submitted, seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous

CLAIMS:

FUND	NAME	INVDISC	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	EMPE AM/FM PRE	\$ 348.23
100	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH-102791	\$ 7,631.44
100	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	DENTAL-102791	\$ 323.08
100	EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$ 10,401.72
100	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	EMPE PRETAX FL	\$ 233.00
100	FIRST CONCORD "HSA"	HSA COUNTY PMT	\$ 634.20
100	LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	EMPE LIFE INSU	\$ 34.30
100	NORTH AMERICA BENEFITS CO	#NIS0003 UNIT#	\$ 74.60
100	NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENT	EMPE CHILD SUP	\$ 384.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$ 1,645.56
100	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$ 95.51
100	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$ 73.97
100	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$ 6,096.36
100	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$ 67.01
100	BWTELCOM	5514	\$ 6,911.85
100	COOK,KIMBERLY	MILEAGE	\$ 184.67
100	DENNY, PENNY	MEETING NP	\$ 186.85
100	DEVENY FORD	S8190	\$ 74.04
100	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	8891058-0	\$ 215.05
100	FRECKS,NANCY	MILEAGE	\$ 100.02
100	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	105082	\$ 1,670.38
100	GWORCS	2019-21150	\$ 2,835.00
100	HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERVICE CI24-5	\$ 50.00
100	HOMETOWN LEASING	9116	\$ 316.09
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	22149246	\$ 130.81
100	KING,RYAN	MILEAGE REIMB	\$ 253.26
100	MIPS INC.	23120870	\$ 3,866.60
100	MOUSEL, BROOKS, SCHNEIDER, MUSTION	8559	\$ 670.58
100	NACO	REGIST ASSESSR	\$ 75.00
100	NORDHAUSEN LAW LLC	293,129,332,934	\$ 2,760.00
100	OWENS IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	4011	\$ 161.00
100	PAUL ROONEY PAINTING	860151	\$ 3,370.00
100	PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS SERV.	30232	\$ 123.00
100	PRISTINE CLEAN COMMERCIAL CLEANING	4206	\$ 744.13
100	QUILL CORPORATION	37405946	\$ 157.87
100	RELX INC. DBA LEXISNEXIS	3094969924	\$ 325.00
100	RIPLEY, KELLEN	DISPATCH WAGE	\$ 720.00
100	WIESE CARPENTRY	1427	\$ 235.00

100	DEPUTIES, DISPATCH, OFFICIALS	WAGES	\$	46,745.46
200	AFLAC	EMPE AM/FM PRE	\$	287.76
200	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH-102791	\$	4,347.84
200	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	DENTAL-102791	\$	122.76
200	EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$	4,191.54
200	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	EMPE PRETAX FL	\$	141.00
200	LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	EMPE LIFE INSU	\$	31.33
200	NORTH AMERICA BENEFITS CO	#NIS0003 UNIT#	\$	76.66
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$	627.88
200	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$	30.83
200	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$	116.69
200	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$	2,192.61
200	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$	48.10
200	BWTELCOM	1161	\$	420.80
200	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	105081	\$	6,268.58
200	HELENA AGRI-ENTERPRISES, LLC	127145723	\$	179.40
200	HT REPAIR	8566	\$	1,490.69
200	IMPERIAL NAPA	2760	\$	2,089.52
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	P49487	\$	148.39
200	MCARTHUR, LORENA	CDL REIMB	\$	61.49
200	MILLS RANCH INC. (MILLS PIT)	GRAVEL	\$	340.00
200	OLSON LIVESTOCK & SEED, INC.	GRAVEL	\$	30.00
200	OWENS IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	4011	\$	492.54
200	POWERPLAN	2175960	\$	156.68
200	SAPP BROS., INC.	IN4399093	\$	27,621.25
200	SOUTHWEST PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	913546001	\$	279.13
200	ST. FRANCIS EQUITY	1601477	\$	1,064.98
200	STAMM, DEE (STAMM PIT)	GRAVEL	\$	40.00
200	VALLEY FARM INDUSTRIES, LLC	2046	\$	3,500.00
200	WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC.	1344511T046	\$	172.11
200	WRAY MACHINE SHOP	76078	\$	10,142.71
200	ROAD WORKERS	WAGES	\$	20,239.79
650	JT ROCKS	GRAVEL	\$	3,106.50
650	MILLS RANCH INC. (MILLS PIT)	GRAVEL	\$	160.00
650	SOUTHWEST WELDING LLC	RD BRIDGE REPR	\$	556.00
990	BWTELCOM	4539	\$	48.92
2913	BWTELCOM	5514	\$	830.43
5502	EFTPS	EMPE FICA	\$	27.54
5502	BRUNSWIG, MICHAEL	LIFT ASSIST	\$	25.00
5502	HEYNE, STAN	EMS WAGE	\$	135.75
5502	OWENS IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	4011	\$	14.97
5502	REICHERT, PAM	EMS WAGE	\$	85.00
5502	REICHERT, RICHARD	EMS WAGE	\$	70.00

5502	STAMM,DEBORAH L	EMS WAGE	\$	156.75
5502	SWIGERT,EMILEE	EMS WAGES	\$	35.00
5502	TURPIN,SHAUNA MICHELLE	EMS WAGE	\$	125.75
5502	TURPIN,VINCE	EMS WAGE	\$	135.00
5502	UNGER,KEISHA	EMS WAGE	\$	56.00
5502	EMS CLERICAL WORKER	WAGES	\$	180.00

Board reviewed LPA Stop Sign Agreement for a signature page was previously missed upon approval. Chairman Olson signed the LPA Program Agreement.

Board reviewed the Road Use Agreement for an emergency road to be adopted that uses a trail road south of Benkelman from the Dundy County Fairgrounds to the historical monument south on Highway 34.

Motion by Olson to approve the Emergency Road Agreement as presented by the County Attorney, seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous

County Attorney Arlan Wine delivered the County Attorney's report.

Chief Deputy Jones delivered the County Sheriff's report. Discussed Sheriff's office vehicles: would like to order a vehicle and pay a portion of the cost out of the 2023-2024 Budget funds, and budget for an additional vehicle for the 2024-2025 budget. Discussed county jail improvements and training, as well as the Fire Marshall's report.

Relgene Zimbleman discussed E-dispatch billing. Bill is past due so he was bringing it to the Clerk's office directly to be processed.

The Board of Commissioners' Meeting recessed at 9:34 A.M.

The Board of Equalization convened at 9:34 A.M. to review and decide Permissive Exemptions for Tax Exempt status. Present were Chairman Scott Olson, Commissioners Aaron Keiser and Tom Richard, County Clerk Miles Preston, County Assessor Tish Burrell, County Treasurer Penny Denny, County Attorney Arlan Wine, and C.A. Assistant Karen Baker

The board reviewed the list of exemption applications received. Assessor Tish Burrell discussed the permissive exemptions and delivered her recommendations. Tish recommended that the Haigler Gun Club and the Benkelman Cultural Arts Center should fall under taxable status as their primary uses do not permit tax exempt status and had communicated with the State about their taxable status. During that conversation she was informed that if the two entities in question were given a permissive exemption, the state would pursue action with the Tax Equalization Review Committee.

Motion by Keiser to approve the Assessor's recommendations for Permissive Exemptions for tax year 2024, seconded by Olson.

Ayes: Unanimous

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:53 am.

The Board of Commissioners reconvened at 9:54 am.

Casey Beutler delivered a proposal from Five Nines for IT and Cyber-Security support. Total monthly costs would be approximately \$2,720 for 17 full time county users.

The Board discussed the previously received bids for IT/Cybersecurity Support from EZ IT, Applied Connective, and Five Nines.

Motion by Keiser to accept the previously submitted proposal of IT and Cyber Security support from Applied Connective, seconded by Olson.

Ayes: Unanimous

The Public Hearing for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan began at 11:00 AM. Present were Chairman Scott Olson, Commissioners Aaron Keiser and Tom Richard, County Road Worker Kurt Sellers, County Clerk Miles Preston, Mick Brunkhorst, Jim Long, and Road Superintendent Kent Anderson (Via Phone)

Kurt Sellers presented the list of projects. Project 103 Tunnel Improvement. 128 Culvert and road elevation on Haigler Rd. Project 130 Ave 329. Project 135 East of Max/Wauneta Rd. elevation. Project 112 Junkyard Rd. Project 85 Rd 724 to Colorado Line. Project 121 Sullivan Draw Elevation. Project 122 Emergency Road culvert. Project 136 Rd 724 Max-Wauneta Rd East. Project 137 Rd 712. Project 138 Reichart's feedlot. Project 139 Jones' to Relgene's. Project 141 Culvert cleaning.

Mick Brunkhorst and Jim Long from the public discussed concerns for future road projects. Keiser read a letter emailed from Stuart Bartels regarding concerns of Ave 346 between Rd 725 and 726.

Motion by Keiser to adopt Resolution 76-2024-06 to Adopt 1 and 6 Year Road Improvement plans as presented, seconded by Olson.

Ayes: Unanimous

The Public Hearing for the 1 & 6 Year Road Improvement Plan was concluded at 12:00 P.M.

With no further business, Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 12:00 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners will be held on April 1st, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.

These minutes are not the official record and may be corrected. A copy of the approved minutes is available to The Public in the Dundy County Clerk's Office. Any resolutions contained herein are available for viewing at the Dundy County Clerk's Office.

/s/ Miles Preston
Clerk

/s/ Scott Olson
Chairman